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Holly Giarraputo, Treasurer
Searchlight Leadership Fund
422 C Street NE, Lower level
Washington, DC 20002

Response Due Date:
April 21, 2006

Identification Number: C00327395

Reference: Year End Report (7/1/05-12/31/05)

Dear Ms. Giarraputo:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Schedule A supporting Line 11(c) of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses a contribution from "Blacks in Government Political Advancement Council. Commission records indicate that this committee has been terminated and is no longer registered with the Commission. In order for your committee to accept contributions from unregistered organizations into accounts used to influence federal elections, your committee should take steps to insure that the contributor(s) used permissible funds to make the contribution(s) to avoid violating 2 U.S.C. §§441a(f) and 441b or 11 CFR §102.5(b). Under 11 CFR §102.5(b), organizations which are not political committees under the Act and choose to contribute to federal committees must either: 1) establish a separate account which contains only those funds permitted under the Act, or 2) demonstrate through a reasonable accounting method that the organization has received sufficient funds subject to the limitations and prohibitions in order to make the contribution.

If any apparently prohibited contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. In addition, please clarify whether the contribution(s) received from the referenced organization(s) is permissible.

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